



# BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS 11th – 15th February

You will have received your Parent/Teacher interview letter re: the date and time of your meeting. Please ensure you endeavour to keep this appointment to discuss your child's progress. These interviews will cover the following issues:

- Progress of your child after half an academic year in his/her class.
- General attitude and conduct.
- Assessment results and targeted areas for improvement or celebration.
- Parent support needed at home.

You will have an opportunity to discuss other issues which you may feel important with the class teacher. If you feel this may take a longer time than is available, please make another appointment before you leave. All staff are happy to assist you with this.

I would ask you to be mindful that other parents are waiting. It would be very helpful if you could alert the teacher to any further changes to contact details/medical issues relating to your child at this meeting also.

P7 parents have their own arrangements due to Transfer Interviews.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY - 5th February

You will be receiving some information home on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, with a homework activity for P1-7 to complete concerning the use of Digital Devices and the Internet. This information was costly to produce and we ask that you use it with your family at home to ensure pupils are being safe online. All pupils can be taught safety messages, at an age appropriate level. Please try to give this some time next Tuesday evening. Thank you.



## TRANSFER RESULTS

Well done to our P7 pupils who have received their transfer results for this year. We are pleased to note again that the results of Ballyclare Primary compare very favourably against the percentage averages AQE hold for the children who sat the test this year. We are proud of all the pupils in our P7 year group who worked so hard to gain these results. Well done again to our dedicated staff and parents who worked throughout their primary years to support them.

BALLYCLARE PRIMARY AQE SCORES 2018/19		
100+	-	55%
90-100	-	21%
< 90	-	24%



Over 75% will have the opportunity of a Grammar School place.

Excellent results P7 overall, with some pupils scoring in the highest category in Northern Ireland. (A score of 125+).

## WORK FOLDERS AND PARENTAL SUPPORT

Workfolders will be sent home this weekend to keep you up to date with how your child is getting on in class each day. Please look at these samples of work with your child and encourage them. Teachers will highlight any areas you can work on at home, at Parent Interview time. Partnership between home and school is what gains success.

Assessment Results from January will be sent to you on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. These will also be discussed at Interview time. Please bring these results with you to your meeting as teachers will discuss these with you. If your child needs extra help at home in any area, the class teacher will guide you.

## BLUE DAY/ANTIBULLYING WEEK

Thank you to all our parents who supported this special week in school. This work continues to help counteract any behaviour in school which pupils, staff and parents find difficult. Thank you for keeping teachers informed as the need arises. We always wish to follow up on any concerns you may have.

## COLLECTING CHILDREN

All parents are reminded to have set arrangements for pupils at 1:55pm, 2:55pm and 4:00pm for collection. Some pupils in P4-7 have meeting points arranged and this works well. Please do a Term 2 reminder with your child to return to the school building if their lift home is not at the arranged meeting point. Pupils should never stand about the town area on their own.



If your child has to meet a parent/carer at the front of school, please ensure they know to do this and not to walk on home alone or with a friend. This will prevent lots of anxiety for everyone involved.

P1-3 parents should have identified names of adults collecting children each day.

## RECORDER LESSONS

Learning the Recorder in Ballyclare Primary School starts at P4 and continues right through to P7. It is a great opportunity for every child to experience the joy of playing music. We have some recorders for purchase in school, should you need one. Price - £5.



## MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

We discourage children from carrying mobile phones to school but we recognise that some parents wish them to do so for child care arrangements. Please note, if a pupil brings a phone to school it must be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day for safe keeping. The phone will be returned to the pupil at home time.

School cannot be held responsible for any loss if a phone goes missing from a schoolbag or pocket and we know they are very expensive.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

BALLYCLARE LIBRARY presents 'Harry Potter Morning of Magic' on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 11:30am - 12:30pm. Come dressed as your favourite character and join us for lots of Harry Potter themed activities! For children of all ages.

**Booking Essential** - Tel: 02893352269.

*\* Parents please note that our Community News items are advertisements only. The school has no means of endorsing these activities. All parents are advised to seek details and suitability for themselves.*

## HOW DO I RAISE A CONCERN?

The Principal and Parent Liaison Staff endeavour to make themselves available outside at the start of the school day in the playground and at the end of each school day as the children leave to address issues informally. This often provides a point of clarification for a parent and offers support on any further action that may be necessary.

If you have a concern, you may also need to:

- Make an appointment to see: Your child's class teacher, Head of Year -

P1: Mrs Mulligan (in Mrs Hyde's absence),  
P2: Mrs Hall  
P3: Mr Heyburn  
P4: Miss Kernohan  
P5: Mrs McKeown,  
P6: Mrs Watson  
P7: Mrs Kennedy or Vice-Principal, Mr McAuley.

This is most easily done by contacting the school office. Alternatively, a note to the teacher will ensure that an appointment is arranged. At the meeting, your concerns will be noted and investigated. Your child's class teacher will make every effort to resolve your concern speedily and efficiently. Any findings or action taken, if deemed necessary, will be reported to you at the earliest opportunity.

- Make an appointment to see the Principal.

This is most easily done by contacting the school office. At the meeting your concerns will be noted and investigated. The Principal will make every effort to resolve your concern speedily and efficiently. Any findings or action taken, will be reported to you on resolution of the concern. An email may also be a useful way to make contact - [kmulligan818@c2kni.net](mailto:kmulligan818@c2kni.net)

- Write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors.

If you are not satisfied with the decision reached in any matter, you may put your concern in writing to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. You can write to the Chairperson at the school address. A full investigation will be conducted and following this you will receive a response to your concern.

- Write to the Ombudsman if you feel your concern has not been dealt with.

It is always hoped that a concern can be discussed and resolved amicably as this encourages good relations and a good partnership to exist between home and school.

## 'THE COMRADES' - BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

Ballyclare Comrades Football Club was formed in 1919 by former soldiers who had fought in the First World War. A new book, detailing the establishment of the club and its progress over the last 100 years, has been written by local historian Robson Davison.

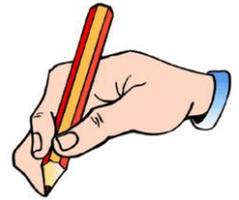
The Book Launch will take place in Ballyclare Town Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:00pm when will be an opportunity to meet the author and purchase the book - cost £9.99.

*As always: If there is anything that concerns you in any way in school, please contact me via the school office or by e-mail if that is easier. I will always follow up any issues raised if I have your contact details.*

*Mrs Mulligan*



# CLASS AWARDS JANUARY 2019



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	AEDAN KILPATRICK	SOPHIE HILL
	Miss Moorhead	DYLAN HEPBURN	KATIE ROSS
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	MACIE MONTGOMERY	ALFIE GAULT
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	REBECCA McNEICE	ZACK LECKY
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	CALISE MOORE	KACIE WALLACE
	Mrs Hall	KAITLYN BELL	MATTHEW McKNIGHT
P3	Mr Heyburn	ESTEBAN BLAIR	KATIE ROBINSON
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs McIntosh	WILL PEEL	LUCIA GANDOLA
	Miss Drury	CHARLOTTE HUNTER	SCOTT McCROARY
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	LEON ARMSTRONG	OLLIE McKILLEN
	Miss Kernohan	LILY McCRORY	KAYLEE SCULLION
	Mrs Scott	OLIVER LOUGHLIN	ZAK WELLS
P5	Miss McGoran	KATIE MARSHALL	RUBY OSWALD
	Mrs McKeown	LAUREN O'HARA	RYAN FINLAY
	Mr Scott	KEIRA TAYLOR	SOFIA FLEMING
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	HARLEY CRAWFORD	KEIRSHA CARMICHAEL
	Mrs Shannon	ISAAC McFALL	CAITLIN OFFICER
	Mrs Watson	ROBYN SNODDY	KODIE SCOTT
P7	Mr Gordon	JAY GREENFIELD	DANIEL CAULCUTT
	Mr McAuley	AARON DUNCAN	LUCY DICK
	Mrs Kennedy	PATRICK SHEERAN	RHYS BAIRD
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	MASON BELL (P3MM)	—